

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the Regular Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, September 15, 2005

The regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, September 15, 2005 at 3:00 p.m., at Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Erminia Ramirez
Jim Holley
Willie Hampton **(ABS)**
Arthur Blackwell II
Mohamed Okdie **(ABS)**

Department Personnel Present

DC Stacy Brackens
DC Brenda Goss-Andrews
Cmdr. Benjamin Lee
Cmdr. Hope Facen-Berry
Sgt. Romel Alexander
P.O. Michael Woody
P.O. Kent Cooper

Board Staff Present

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director
Lawana Ducker, Personnel Director **(ABS)**
Denise R. Hooks, Attorney/Supervising Inv.
Arnold Sheard, Interim Chief Investigator

OTHERS PRESENT

Ron Scott
Ms. Walters

RECORDERS

Terrence Bell
Gina Dickerson

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Comm. Ramirez called the regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:18 p.m.

Comm. Ramirez acknowledged the presence of Deputy Chief Stacy Brackens of the Central Division, Executive Director Dante' Goss, Interim Chief Investigator Arnold Sheard, and Attorney/Supervising Investigator Denise Hooks. She also acknowledged recorders Gina Dickerson and Terrence Bell and thanked them for being present.

Chairperson Ramirez tabled the approval of the Minutes for **Thursday, September 8, 2005**, until the arrival of Comm. Blackwell.

2. **ANNOUNCEMENT**

Chairperson Ramirez mentioned that she was so glad to hear that there will be a lot of town hall meetings occurring in regards to the reorganization plan for the Detroit Police Department.

Chairperson Ramirez stated she believed the first meeting would be held at Roberto Clemente on Monday.

DC Brackens stated yes ma'am.

Chairperson Ramirez asked after that, do you have a listing?

DC Brackens stated no.

Chairperson Ramirez stated on Monday, September 19th, the first one will be held at the Roberto Clemente Recreation Center at 2631 Bagley. The following is September 20th at Farewell Recreation Center which is located at 2711 E. Outer Drive, and on Wednesday, one will be held at Butzel Family Center at 7737 Kercheval, which is September 21st. The last one will be Thursday, September 22nd at Northwest Activity Center, 18100 Meyers.

Chairperson Ramirez stated that she just wanted to put that information out there for the record and those are not the only ones that are going to be held. The Chief had mentioned that there are more organizations and community relations council meetings that are going to be speaking on the reorganizations. She mentioned that

the word is getting out there and the idea is being accepted well within the community. She complimented the Chief on doing an outstanding job.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- **Thursday, September 8, 2005**

MOTION: Comm. Holley made the motion to approve the above Minutes.

SECOND: Comm. Blackwell seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

4. **REPORT FROM THE CHAIR**

Chairperson Ramirez tabled the approval of the Proposed New Hires and the Resolution honoring Sgt. Paul Wilson until the arrival of the third commissioner, Comm. Blackwell.

5. **SECRETARY'S REPORT – EXEC. DIR. GOSS**

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
2005 - Weekly Count of Complaints:	33	1072
2004 - Weekly Count of Complaints:	29	1196

- The Office of the Chief Investigator (OCI) closed a total of **15** cases this week.
- The Office of the Chief Investigator submitted **5** cases to the Chief's Office.
- The Chief's Office has reviewed and returned **0** cases to OCI.

6. **REPORT/PRESENTATION-CHIEF OF POLICE**

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Detroit Police Department

Report to the Board of Police Commissioners

"Building a Safer Detroit Through Community Partnerships"



The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

Narcotics/ Gang Enforcement

Domestic Violence

Special points of interest:

• Next meeting:

Thursday September 22, 2005

@3:00 P.M.

Police Headquarters

1300 Beaubien, Suite 328
Detroit, MI

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During the period of September 6th-September 12th, Narcotics / Gang Enforcement conducted 8 search warrants and 58 street enforcement actions within the boundaries of the city of Detroit, resulting in the following arrests and confiscations:

- 29 Felony arrests
- 105 Misdemeanor arrests
- 3 Juveniles detained
- 922.8 Grams of cocaine, 3.9 grams of heroin, 359.2 grams of marijuana—street value **\$377,576.00**
- **\$12,605.00** in U.S. Currency

Confiscated:

- 5 Hand guns
- 3 Vehicles

On September 9th, officers from the Domestic Violence Unit responded to 5100 East Nevada St. on a "Stabbing" run. An investigation revealed that the man and his girlfriend were stopped at an intersection when the woman's ex-boyfriend and six of his acquaintances pulled her out of the vehicle and began beating her and the man with their fists. **The men then threw a large brick at the man causing severe injuries to his jaw and breaking several ribs. All of the men involved were arrested without incident for "Assault with Intent To Do Great Bodily Harm" and "Felonious Assault."**

The Violent Crimes Task Force

Sex Crimes

On September 6th, officers from the Violent Crimes Task Force, received information as to the location of a man wanted on a murder warrant. The Violent Crimes Task Force set up stationary surveillance on a residence in the 15000 block of Princeton. **The wanted man was observed entering the location. The officers went to the location and found the man hiding in a bedroom. The man was arrested without incident.**

On September 8th, officers from Sex Crimes responded to the area of Joy and Greenfield on a "Sexual Assault, Just Happened" run. An investigation revealed that while a female bus driver was driving her route, a man got on the bus and threatened to shoot her if she did not pull the bus over. The woman complied and the man sexually assaulted her. A co-worker observed the man leave the bus and flagged down police officers. **The man was arrested without incident for "Criminal Sexual Conduct 3rd Degree."**

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Police / Community Intervention

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Eastern District

Taking the Guns Off
the Street!

Total Guns
Confiscated

Year-To-Date
2,826

On September 6th, officers of the Eastern District while on patrol in the area of Eastburn and Gratiot observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed putting many motorists at risk. The officer initiated a traffic stop and observed a sixteen year old female in the passenger seat of the vehicle who indicated that the man just propositioned her for a ride. The man was arrested without incident for "Reckless Driving." Confiscated from the vehicle was one (1) hatchet, one (1) knife, a roll of duct tape and a tarp.

Northeastern District

On September 7th, officers from the Northeastern District responded to the 4600 block of E. Seven Mile Rd. on an "Robbery / Armed — Citizen" run. An investigation revealed that while a man was making a delivery to a business two (2) men entered the rear of his truck produced handguns and demanded his money, the man complied. The two (2) men were arrested without incident for "Robbery /Armed—Citizen."

Western District

On September 11th, officers of the Western District responded to the 17000 block of Schaefer on a "Shooting" run. An investigation revealed that a man parked his vehicle too close to another vehicle and two (2) men exited the vehicle with handguns and began shooting. After initiated a traffic stop and as a result of an investigation the man was arrested for three men were conveyed to the hospital "Robbery/Armed —Unlawful Driving Away and the two (2) men were arrested without of an Automobile." Confiscated was one incident for "Assault with Intent to Murder." Confiscated were two (2) handguns. twenty dollar bills.

Southwestern District



Northwestern District



On September 9th, officers of the Northwest District, while on patrol in the area of Seven Mile Rd. and Shiawassee observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed, the officers initiated a traffic stop. Subsequent to an investigation one (1) man was arrested for "Carrying Concealed Weapon—Person." Confiscated was one (1) handgun.

Police Community Services

On September 9th, officers of Police Community Services conducted a "Peer Pressure Presentation" geared toward reaching the high school teens and highlights the negative effects of alcohol, drug use and gives valuable tips and information on teen dating. For more information on this program and many others please contact Police Community Services at 313-596-2520.

7. PRESENTATION – PAYROLL SECTION

DC Brackens stated that the presentation would be conducted by 3RD Deputy Chief Angela O'Bey-Young, who is under the Management Services Bureau, headed by Deputy Chief Brenda Goss-Andrews.

DC Goss-Andrews greeted everyone in attendance and stated she is under the Fiscal Management Bureau under the restructuring. She introduced Commander Benjamin Lee who is in charge of the budgets and contracts. administration which is an entity of the restructure.

Cmdr. Benjamin Lee introduced 3rd Deputy chief Angela O'Bey-Young.

3rd Deputy Chief Angela O'Bey-Young gave the following PowerPoint presentation:

(SEE ATTACHMENT)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Chairperson Ramirez asked what does it mean by furlough payments to DPOA?

3rd DC O'Bey-Young stated that DPOA members are allowed to sell their furlough time, up to five days back to the city.

Chairperson Ramirez stated you mentioned that city workers who attend jury duty return their check back to the city and are only paid for gas mileage.

3rd DC O'Bey-Young stated that's correct.

Chairperson Ramirez stated you mentioned lump sum payments. Asked do you have the equipment for this process?

3rd DC O'Bey-Young stated that we have a data base for this process.

Chairperson Ramirez asked is the data base new?

3rd DC O'Bey-Young stated it was created for this department in 2002.

Chairperson Ramirez asked does the current data base system need to be upgraded?

3rd DC O'Bey-Young stated we are in the process of getting a state wide system that will allows us to do extensive tracking.

Chairperson Ramirez asked what are the functions of the tracking system?

3rd DC O'Bey-Young stated it will give us access to other departments. It will assist us with retrieving information from these departments from the computer.

Chairperson Ramirez stated this will make the process faster and quicker.

3rd DC O'Bey-Young stated yes.

Chairperson Ramirez asked when will this be available?

3rd DC O'Bey-Young stated they anticipate it to be up and running by January of 2007 which will be done in segments.

Chairperson Ramirez asked when individuals leave the department how long does the process take for them to receive their lump sum payment?

3rd DC O'Bey-Young stated we get it out of our office within thirty days and forward it to the Finance department.

Chairperson Ramirez asked how many days does it takes finance?

3rd DC O'Bey-Young stated they do city wide so it may take another thirty days. Under the Consent Decree we have to pay interest if it is not processed within thirty days.

Chairperson Ramirez asked is there any thing we can do to help expedite this process?

3rd DC O'Bey-Young stated once they get everything on real time for the personal computers it will allow us to expedite this information faster.

Chairperson Ramirez asked why do we have to wait until 2007?

3rd DC O'Bey-Young stated they are looking for someone else to work with Compuware on this process.

Chairperson Ramirez stated that I am looking at the money that we are paying in interest.

DC Goss Andrews stated we had a project when I came to this department called B-20 migration that was scraped. The process that Ms. O'Bey-Young is describing is a

new process in which all the entire city has to be online. We are currently working on this process although it will not be completed until 2007. This will allow the entire departments that are involved with the lump sum payments to get this information electronically instead of doing everything manually. It will allow us to stay within that thirty day window.

Chairperson Ramirez stated it's the technology that we need.

DC Goss Andrews stated yes.

3rd DC O'Bey-Young stated the B-20 migration was scrapped because it was going to cost us more money for outdated technology.

Chairperson Ramirez stated I know you need that new process up and running because the manual process takes you more than sixty days to process everything.

3rd DC O'Bey-Young stated it is going to be a long process because they have to make sure every department is up and running.

Chairperson Ramirez stated once you get the system up and running there will have to be some training.

3rd DC O'Bey-Young stated that the training is included with this process along with a back up system.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Resolution Honoring ***Sergeant Paul Wilson***

WHEREAS Paul Wilson was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on March 26, 1973. Upon graduation from the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy, Officer Wilson was assigned to the Tactical Mobile Section; and

WHEREAS Officer Wilson also served with the Seventh Precinct, the Technical Services Section (TSS), and the Fourteenth Precinct (now the Second Precinct); and

WHEREAS Officer Wilson was promoted to the rank of Sergeant on February 6, 1987, and was assigned to the Eleventh Precinct, and then to the Vice Section; and

WHEREAS Sergeant Wilson transferred to the Second Precinct on March 19, 1991 where he was assigned as a Patrol Supervisor, and where he served with distinction until his retirement on July 5, 2005, after 32 years of tireless service; and

WHEREAS Sergeant Wilson was a "true leader" and earned the trust of those he supervised, as he led with compassion, dignity and honor; he was an inexhaustible mentor, who was readily accessible and who set the standard by his impeccable work habits; and

WHEREAS Sergeant Wilson was well-respected by the area businesses with which he built strong working relations through his ability to listen, and to effectively address and resolve their concerns; and

WHEREAS During his career, Sergeant Wilson was the recipient of two Meritorious Citations, two Chief Unit Awards, two Chief Merit Awards, three Perfect Attendance Awards, and the 1980 GOP Commemorative Award, as well as numerous Commendations and Letters of Appreciation, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners awards this resolution in recognition of the commitment and professionalism of Sergeant Paul Wilson. His selfless service and work ethic exemplify his dedication to the citizens of the City of Detroit and to the Department. His exemplary service merits our highest regard and best wishes for continued success.

We salute and thank you Sergeant Paul Wilson.

/s/ Erminia Ramirez
Chairperson

/s/ Rev. Jim Holley
Vice Chairperson

/s/ Mohamed Okdie
Commissioner

/s/ Willie Hampton
Commissioner

**ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
September 15, 2005**

/s/ Arthur Blackwell, II
Commissioner

Chairperson Ramirez asked for a motion to adopt the Resolution honoring Sergeant Paul Wilson.

MOTION: **Comm. Blackwell** made the motion to approve the Resolution.

SECOND: **Comm. Holley** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

APPROVAL OF APPEAL WITHDRAW

Atty. Hooks stated that during a conversation with former police officer Nicholas Frontczak, he requested to withdraw his appeal based on a change in his circumstance. I am asking the Board to approve his request to withdraw.

Chairperson Ramirez made the motion to withdraw the appeal.

MOTION: **Comm. Blackwell** made the motion to approve the appeal withdrawal.

SECOND: **Comm. Holley** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED NEW HIRES

Chairperson Ramirez asked the motion to approve the proposed new hires for Senior Investigators.

M. Rosalia Madrigal
Geraldine Barnes

MOTION: **Comm. Blackwell** made the motion to approve the new hires.

SECOND: **Comm. Holley** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, September 22, 2005 @ 3:00 p.m.
Police Headquarters, Room 328-A
1300 Beaubien
Detroit, MI 48226

10. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

There was no oral communication from the audience.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DANTE' L. GOSS
Executive Director
Board of Police Commissioners

DLG/rb